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For: SURGICAL SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 17, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.